

COUNTRY	East Germany	REPORT
TOPIC	Volkspolizei in Pasewalk	25X1
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1. During the night from 11 to 12 November 1952, one VP company of 120 men was entrained at the Pasewalk railroad station. The unit was led to the railroad station by a Soviet officer wearing the new-style VP uniform, one VP officer and one man carrying a red flag. About three fourths of the men carried rifles and one fourth Soviet-made submachine guns. They carried no packs, and the baggage was taken to the railroad station by truck. Before boarding the three coaches, the men were checked individually by a Soviet major wearing Soviet uniform. At 4:16 a.m., the coaches were attached to the regular train to Berlin. [redacted] four troop trains of this type had been dispatched toward Berlin during the preceding week.<sup>1</sup> 25X1
2. On 23 November 1952, 12 VP officers went from Pasewalk to Templin by train. [redacted] they were to take over a Soviet camp there.<sup>2</sup> 25X1
3. [redacted] four different VP units and one VP headquarters were located in the Pasewalk barracks installation. The military personnel observed included: about 100 enlisted men wearing yellow-bordered black patches; about 400 enlisted men wearing light-red-bordered black patches; about 800 enlisted men wearing red-bordered black patches; about 200 enlisted men wearing dark-blue-bordered black patches; and about 100 officers. [redacted] the unit wearing dark-blue-bordered black patches was a mixed unit including airmen, artillerymen and paratroopers.<sup>3</sup> 25X1
4. No VPs were observed receiving training. At the time of observation, a large number of the VPs did construction work in the area north of Viereck and loaded building materials onto cars at the Pasewalk railroad station. In the morning, the men were taken to the work sites by trucks in groups of 10 to 20 men. No heavy weapons were observed in the barracks area. 25X1
5. Motor vehicles leaving the barracks installation toward Viereck included trucks: 25X1

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## Trucks

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driven by VPs wearing red-bordered black patches;

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driven by VPs wearing yellow-bordered black patches  
and ambulance

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Sedans observed carrying only officers included: sedan occupied by a lieutenant, a senior lieutenant and a major wearing red-bordered epaulets; sedan occupied by a senior lieutenant, a captain and a major wearing red-bordered epaulets; sedan occupied by a lieutenant and two senior lieutenants wearing yellow-bordered epaulets; sedan occupied by a captain wearing yellow-bordered epaulets and an officer wearing yellow-bordered epaulets with three rows of braid without stars; sedan occupied by a junior lieutenant, a lieutenant and a senior lieutenant wearing yellow-bordered epaulets; sedan occupied by a senior lieutenant, a captain and a major wearing crimson-bordered epaulets; sedan occupied by two majors wearing crimson-bordered epaulets; sedan occupied by a captain and a major wearing crimson-bordered epaulets; sedan occupied by a senior lieutenant and a captain wearing dark-blue-bordered epaulets; sedan occupied by a captain wearing dark-blue-bordered epaulets and an officer wearing dark-blue-bordered epaulets with three rows of braid and two stars; sedan occupied by a senior lieutenant and a major wearing crimson-bordered epaulets; sedan occupied by a lieutenant, a captain and a major wearing light-blue-bordered epaulets; sedan occupied by a captain and two majors wearing dark-blue-bordered epaulets; and sedan occupied by a major wearing light-blue-bordered epaulets and an officer wearing light-blue-bordered epaulets with three rows of braid and one star.<sup>4</sup>

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6. The villa west of the guardhouse at the warriors' monument on Wilhelm Strasse was requisitioned for the Soviets. The building was inspected by officers who rode in sedan driven by a Soviet civilian. The new district hospital on Prenzlauer Chaussee in the wooded area between Pasewalk and Kollwitz was requisitioned for the VP as a VP hospital.

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7. A Soviet district komendatura was established in a villa on Justeritzer Strasse in Strasburg. It was staffed with 8 officers, including 3 wearing tank insignia, and about 50 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Truck [ ] was parked on the premises. 25X1
8. Between 20 November and 2 December 1952, the VP units located in the former Cavalry Barracks in Pasewalk sent to a laundry 1,400 to 1,600 sets of underwear per week. On several nights between 20 and 25 November 1952, infantry units each of about 100 men carrying small arms marched out of the barracks installation to undetermined places. [ ] numerous enlisted men were dispatched from this installation to Droegeheide. In early November 1952, a Soviet company, which allegedly belongs to the unit formerly stationed at Pasewalk, moved into the installation. There appeared to be about 100 men in the unit. They did not carry weapons during a roll call. 25X1
9. The Pasewalk VP post headquarters was located in a small compound beside the entrance to the barracks installation on Rosa-Luxemburg Strasse. This headquarters was in charge of the dispatch of VP personnel to the Droegeheide Camp. A command office was located in a major building in the northern section of the barracks installation, which formerly was the hospital of the military post. [ ] the entire staff of the headquarters had to be in Wolgast at 5 a.m. on 11 November 1952. [ ] a special train coming from Berlin passed through the Pasewalk railroad station in the direction of Wolgast at 4 a.m. on the same day and returned at 8 a.m. The officers of the command office were allegedly replaced very frequently. 25X1
10. A Soviet command office was located in a building on Wilhelm Strasse. It was commanded by a Soviet general, with a mustache, about 1.85 meters tall and wearing a uniform similar to that of General Hermann Rentsch, of the Vp command [ ] R 25X1
11. A total of 65 standard-type buildings and 15 three-story buildings were under construction along the way to the drill ground. The settlement located there was being gradually vacated. A Red Cross station including a medical depot was being established in the former Schlaack carpentry on Wilhelm Strasse. This aid station did not have a doctor as no suitable physician was found. The former officers' mess was being reconditioned as officers' mess. A censorship office was established in a number of rooms of the post office which were vacated for this purpose. 25X1
1. [ ] Comment. It is fairly definitely believed that the information refers to the movement of units of the Armeegruppe Nord to winter billets. 25X1
2. [ ] Comment. It is doubted that a Soviet camp in the Templin area should be taken over by the VP. However, it may be planned to admit Vp units to a section of the Templin training ground for training purposes. 25X1
3. [ ] Comment. It is fairly definitely believed that: yellow-bordered black patches are worn by the Signal Corps; red-bordered black patches by artillery units; and blue-bordered black patches by technical services or engineer units. [ ] the Armeegruppe Nord headquarters and army headquarters units including one signal battalion, one AT regiment and one AAA battalion were stationed at Pasewalk. 25X1
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